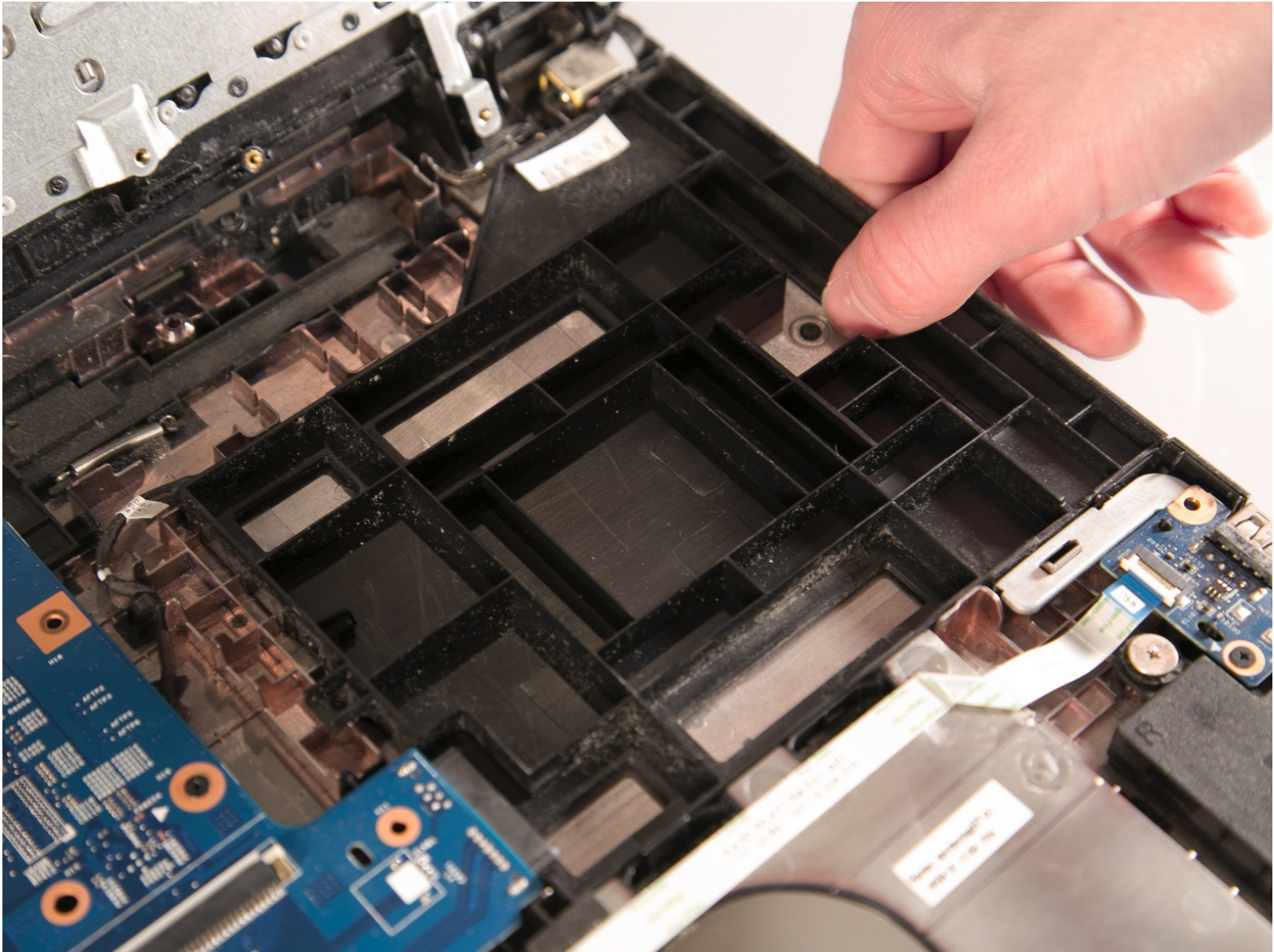




Gateway NE52203u Optical Drive Replacement

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TOOLS:

- [Phillips #00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Battery



- Flip the device over onto its backside in order to access the battery.

Step 2



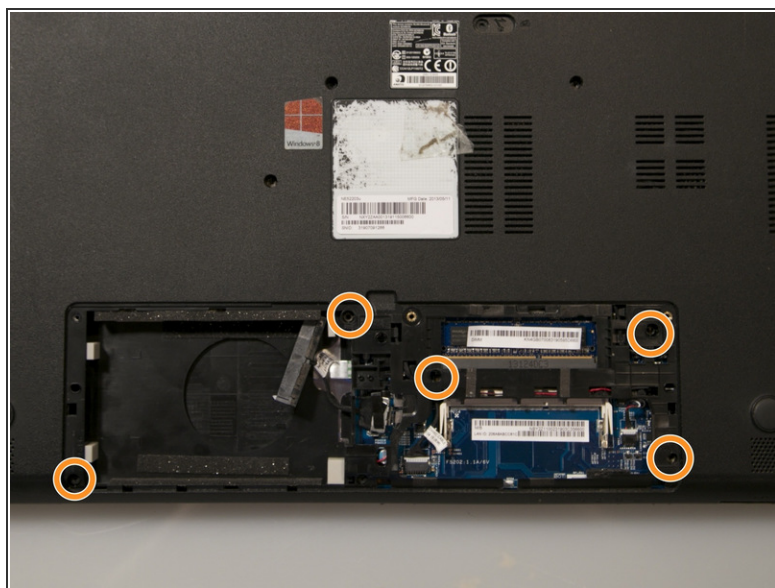
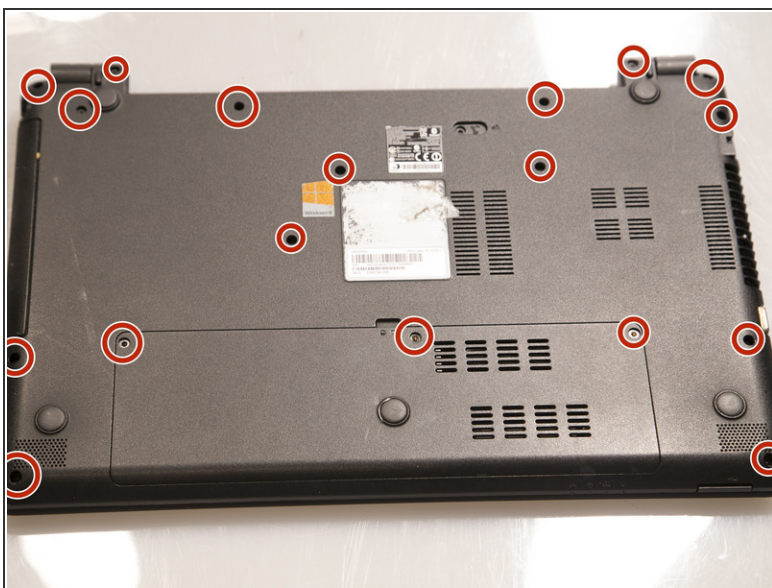
- Locate the battery release latch and slide it over to the other side.
- ⓘ A small tool like a pen or screwdriver may be helpful in sliding the latch to release the battery.

Step 3



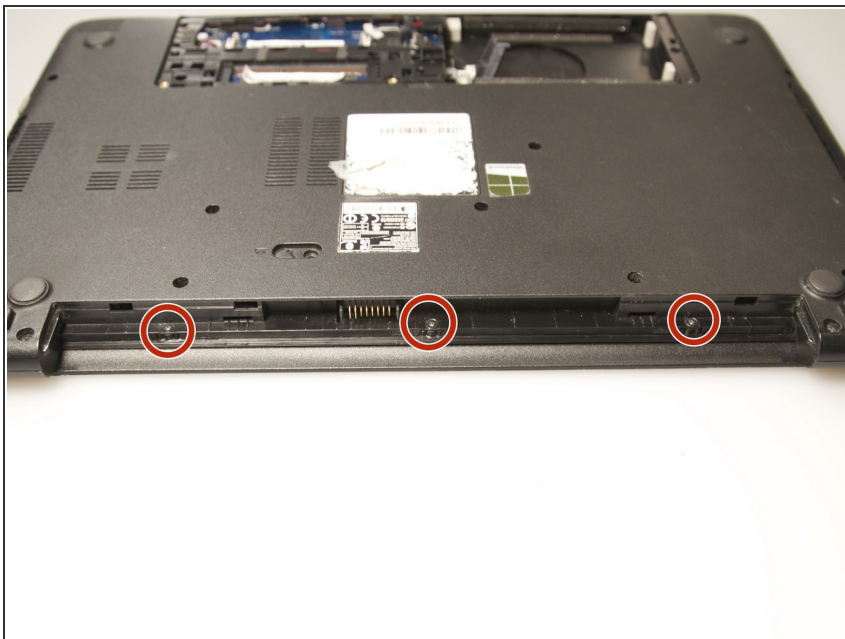
- Grab the newly ejected battery from the device to completely remove it.
- ★ When reinserting the new battery, make sure the prongs on the battery are aligned with the corresponding holes on the laptop.

Step 4 — Touchpad Assembly



- Remove 18 6.0 mm Phillips #00 screws from the bottom of the laptop.
- Remove 5 6.0 mm Phillip #00 screws from under cover.

Step 5



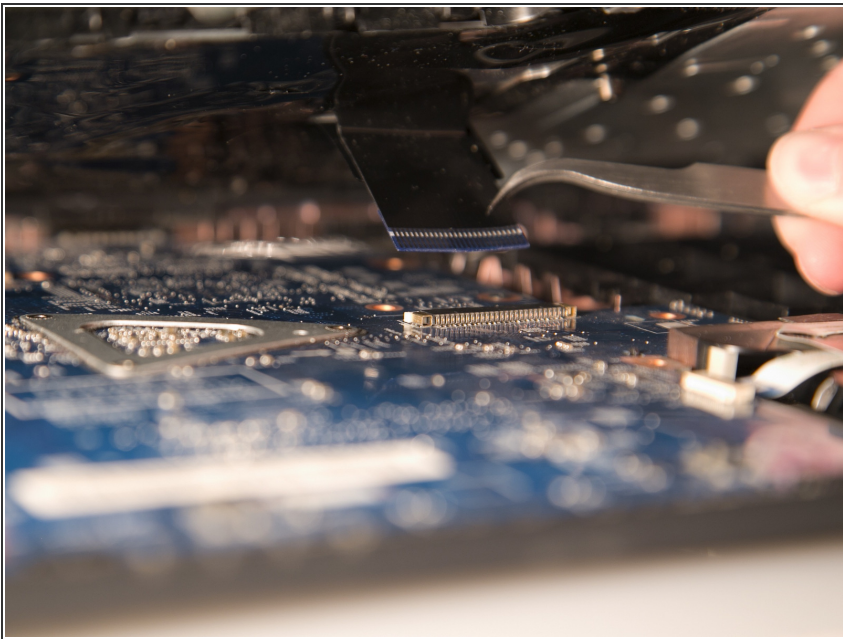
- Remove three 2.9 mm Phillips #00 screws from the battery compartment.

Step 6



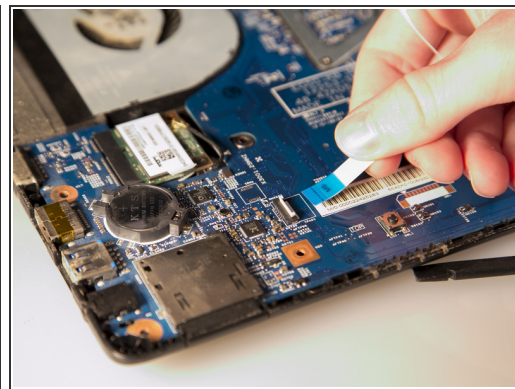
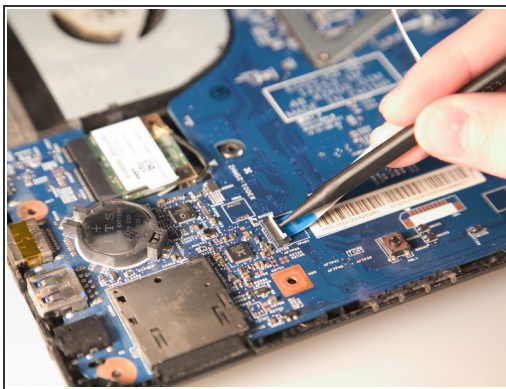
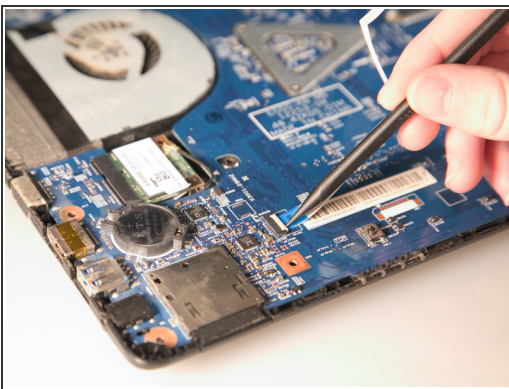
- Separate the bottom panel from the touchpad assembly by inserting a plastic opening tool between them on all four sides.

Step 7



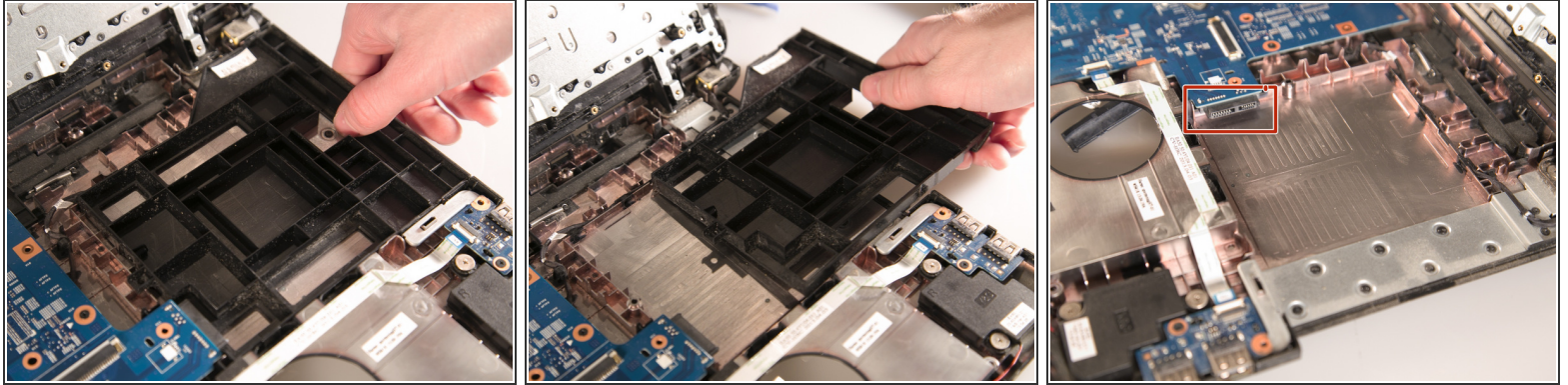
- Pull black ribbon wire from port using tweezers in order to completely separate touchpad assembly from bottom assembly.

Step 8



- Disconnect the two ZIF ports that attach the touchpad assembly to the motherboard.
- First flip open the flap covering the ribbon using a spudger or fingernail.
- Second gently pull the ribbon away from the port.

Step 9 — Optical Drive



- Grasp the plastic placeholder firmly and slide it out of the computer.
- When inserting replacement optical drive, use the port at the back left of the open space.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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